THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) On the basis of the available information, the particulars of major communal riots in the country which have occurred during the last six months are as under:—

Date and Place	No of persons		Lose of prop (Rs. in lakhs)
	Killed	Injured	
Gujarat			
Ahmedabad (Jan. 30)	10	16	1 92
Ahmedabad (Feb. 14)	5	34	2 05
Ahmedabad (March, 26)	5	6	N.A.
Virpur (April, 9-12)	4	12	102.00
Brauch (May, 17-18)	5	22	N.A.
Baroda (June, 26 to July, 2)	7	10	N.A.
Uttar Pradesh			
Meerut (April, 14—18)	10	23	4 35
Meerut (May 14—24)	105	143*	232 60 (Including 8 Police Personnel).
Delhi			
(May, 19-22)	11	75	N.A.
Maharashtra			
Kasoda (Jalgaon-June ,8)	5	17	3.00
	167	358	345.92

(b) and (c) The communal riots in Ahmedabad and Boroda and in other places in the country are the handiwork of anti-social and communal elements.

(d) and (e) The comprehensive guidelines for maintaining communal harmony and public order which were originally prepared in 1980 and were subsequently revised and re-circulated to the State Governments/Union Territories in July 1981, *inter-alia*, envisage that anti-social and communal elements be dealt with a firm hand and that anybody found conniving or helping such elements should also be dealt with in a similar manner.

External Affairs Minister's meeting with Chinese officials

241. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting recently held at Beijing between the External Affairs Minister of India and high

officials of the Republic of China has helped in the improvement of relations between the two countries; and

(b) what were the points discussed at the meeting and the conclusions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both sides expressed the desire to improve relations in all fields. While it may take time to settle the boundary question, both sides felt that it should be solved through peaceful negotiation in accordance with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence and that peace and tranquility should be maintained all along the Indo-China boundary.

Concessions for "Sulabh" fabrics

242. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy to extend concessions to mills for the manufacture of "Sulabh" fabrics; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government have extended the concession of duty free fibre to NTC mills for the manufacture of Sulabh fabrics. Under the scheme duty exemption on fibre has been given for production of specified sorts to be sold at prices fixed by the Government, subject to certain other conditions prescribed under the scheme.

Ridges of Delhi

243. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to declare the Ridges of Delhi as a fullfledged bird sanctuary/reserved forest with all the rigours of the relevant law for the thorough protection of animals, birds and tree-life adequately enforced there;

(b) if so, by when the decision in this regard will be given effect to; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Parts of Asola, Sahurpur and Maidan Garhi Villages have been declared as a wildlife sanctuary on 9.10.1986.

(c) Does not arise.

Retrenchment in textile Industry

244. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government prefer retrenchment in textile industry in the name of rationalisation and modernisation as a package deal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Deputy Minister of Textiles made a statement to this effect recently; and